

**OPINION 2097 (Case 3246)*****Scorpio chilensis* Molina, 1782 (currently *Bothriurus chilensis*; Arachnida, Scorpiones): specific name suppressed**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the specific name of a South American scorpion, *Scorpio chilensis* Molina, 1782, is suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the the Principle of Homonymy.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Arachnida; BOTHRIURIDAE; *Bothriurus*; *Bothriurus chilensis*; *Bothriurus coriaceus*; *Bothriurus keyserlingii*; *Bothriurus vittatus*; Chile; South America; Scorpiones.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that name *chilensis*, Molina, 1782, as published in the binomen *Scorpio chilensis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *chilensis*, Molina, 1782, as published in the binomen *Scorpio chilensis* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3246**

An application to ensure nomenclatural stability by suppression of the name *Scorpio chilensis* Molina, 1782 (currently *Bothriurus chilensis*) was received from Luis E. Acosta and Camilo I. Mattoni (CONICET - *C tedra de Diversidad Animal I, Facultad de Ciencias Exactas, F sicas y Naturales, Universidad Nacional de C rdoba, C rdoba, Argentina*) on 28 May 2002. The name *B. chilensis* threatened the use of the names *B. coriaceus* Pocock, 1893, *B. keyserlingii* Pocock, 1893 and *Bothriurus vittatus* (Gu rin M neville, 1838). After correspondence the case was published in BZN 60: 113–116 (June 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 September 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 60: 115. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2004 the votes were as follows: 18 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 4 Commissioners voted AGAINST, B hme and Minelli abstained, Ng was on leave of absence.

**Original reference**

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*chilensis*, *Scorpio*, Molina, 1782, *Saggio sulla storia naturale del Chili*, p. 347.